

Drawings

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REMARKS

Specification

The specification is amended to correct a grammatical error.

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Claim Objections - 35 USC § 112

Claims 5-10 are objected under 35 U.S.C., second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 5 is amended to overcome this rejection.

Claim Rejections - Obviousness-Type Double Patenting

Claims 1-4 and 11-16 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-4 of U.S. Patent No. 6,853,585 (hereinafter U.S. Pat. No. '585). A terminal disclaimer is submitted with this paper. Therefore, the rejection is obviated without acquiescing in the propriety of the rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. 102(e)

Claims 1-5 and 11-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being fully anticipated by Lee, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,853,585). Applicant traverses this rejection.

The U.S. filing date of Lee, for the purpose of 35 U.S.C. 102(e), is October 27, 2003. MPEP 2136.03(I) and MPEP 706.02(f)(1)(I)(D). The Korean priority date for this application is November 18, 2002. Because the U.S. filing date of Lee is later than the earliest effective filing date of this application, the 102(e) rejection is improper.

An English language translation of the certified copy of the foreign priority document is submitted with this paper, along with a statement made by the translator that the translation is accurate. 37 CFR § 1.55(a)(4)(ii).

Allowable Subject Matter

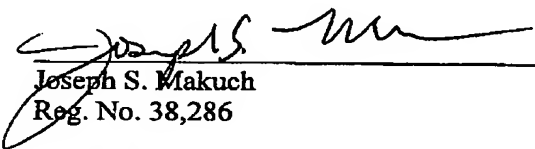
Claims 6-10 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In view of the amendments and arguments presented above, Applicant believes claim 5 to be allowable, and therefore, rewriting claims 6-10 is unnecessary.

Conclusion

Applicant requests reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

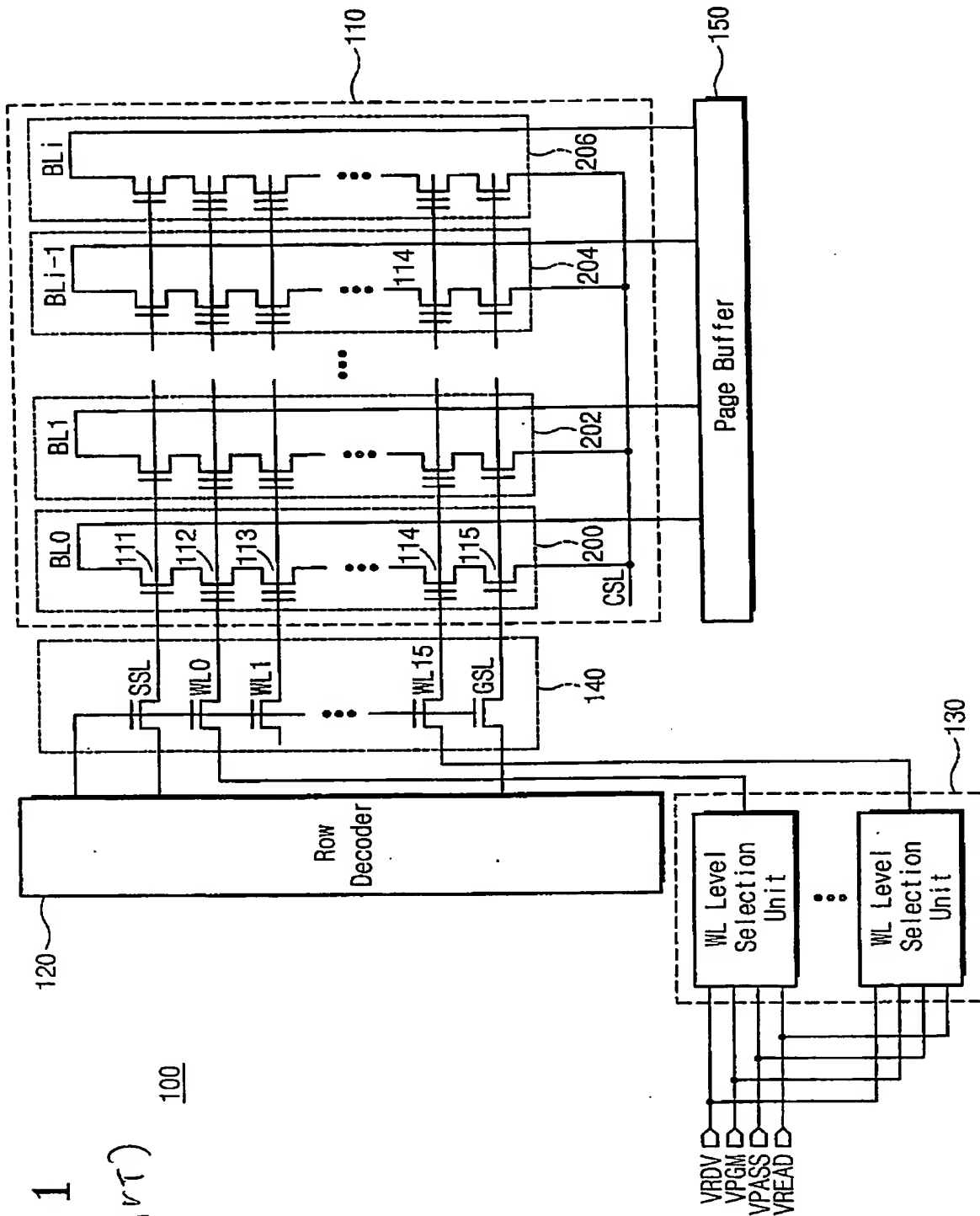


Fig. 1

(prior art)